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TO: All Bidders

FROM: City of Cambridge

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**RE: File No. 9676 RFP for 21st Century Broadband for the City of Cambridge-
Addendum No. 4**

This addendum is comprised of:

Submitted Questions and Answers:

Q. What does it take to trench/build in Cambridge? What is permitting like? Can we get agreement from City of Cambridge to fast-track permitting if needed to meet their timelines?

A. An applicant needs to apply for and be granted a permit from the Pole and Conduit Commission.

<https://www.cambridgema.gov/Services/poleconduitpermits>

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[/media/Files/licensecommission/poleandconduit/sitingpolicypoleandconduit.pdf](https://media/Files/licensecommission/poleandconduit/sitingpolicypoleandconduit.pdf)

An applicant needs to apply for and be granted an excavation permit from the Department of Public Works.

<https://cambridgema.viewpointcloud.com/categories/1101/record-types/6713>

An applicant needs to apply for and be granted a utility permit from the Electrical Department.

<https://www.cambridgema.gov/Departments/Electrical/permitslistpage/electricaldepartmentutilitypermitapplication>

City departments work closely with applicants to process permits in a timely manner. The more complete permits are when submitted, the quicker the permitting process is.



Q. As we put the RFP together and work on the designs can there be additional follow-up questions?

A. No.

Q. Are there city fiber assets/conduits that Zayo could pull fiber through? Can you provide fiber maps if the answer is yes to the previous question?

A. The proposal should assume that existing fiber assets are not available.

Q. Section 7, question 1, asks about "independent of and does not have proprietary business ties". Does this refer to equity/ownership arrangements, or does it also include client/customer/contractor arrangements? A firm that performs the type of engineering included in this project would typically have carriers, ISPs, vendors, and/or contractors among its clients. Would such experience disqualify the bidder?

A. Not to client/customer/contractor arrangements as described above.

Q. Section 7, question 5, asks about experience in "towns or cities that are home to major universities, businesses, residential diversity, and unique complexities and needs of these localities". Besides Cambridge and Boston, can the City give examples of other municipalities in Massachusetts that it would consider to meet this description?

A. The description speaks for itself.

Q. Section 7 requires successful bidders to fully meet all of its items with an unqualified "yes". In the event that the City does not receive any otherwise-acceptable proposals that meet these requirements, will the City consider reopening the bid with a less stringent set of "quality requirements"?

A. To be determined.

Q. If the bidder proposes a contractor-subcontractor or partnership arrangement among multiple entities and the entities collectively meet the quality requirements that none does individually, would this be acceptable?

A. Yes.

All other details remain the same.

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